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Today's Weather.

Portland, Feb. 7.—For Western Oregon
and Western Washington—Wed-
nesday partly cloudy with occasional
rain.

WORD OF WARNING.

There was a word of warning in the
communication sent by the board of
underwriters to the common council
last Monday night, in which it was
stated that in the event the Standard
Oil Company was permitted to erect
any oil tanks in the city as contem-
plated by the company, the rates of
insurance would be raised. This im-
plies increased risks for dangerous oil
tanks. Some time ago a representa-
tive of that company was in Astoria
and addressed the council on the oil
tanks, stating that instead of increas-
ing insurance rates, insurance was
lowered. Everyone knew that this was
not true. The Astorian called this
gentleman down on this proposition
and published statements from insur-
ance men that this Standard Oil rep-
resentative was wilfully misleading.

Although the attention of the com-
mon council has been called to the
building of oil tanks within the city
limits, and the dangers attending them
no action was taken by the common
council. Of course the Standard Oil
Company is a rich corporation and its
agent may have exerted some influence
over the members by his persuasive
eloquence. It is possible that after
the council has prepared a few more
charters and passed a few more res-
olutions condemning charters that don't
suit the democratic wing of the holy
of holies and is displeasing to the im-
maculate conception—and its name
was Maud—it will have sufficient time
to give to the protection of people and
property. The city derives no reve-
nue from oil tanks. It drives no busi-
ness away from Astoria, as the com-
pany has an exclusive monopoly of the
coal oil business and will sell it,
even if it has to discharge the oil out-
side of the city limits.

It is barely possible that if the dem-
ocrats owned the property effected by
the increase in insurance rates, that
an ordinance would have been passed
prohibiting the erection of any more oil
tanks in the city limits. It makes a
difference to a democratic council as
to who is benefited by its legislation.
But, while the council paid no atten-
tion to published statements of the
press, the official document com-
ing from the board of fire underwrit-
ers, stating that if the oil tanks were
built, the insurance rates would be
raised, may result in the council pay-
ing some attention to the important
question. The press of Astoria has
no interest in the question, aside from
protecting the rights of the people and
property and reflecting the sentiments
of a large majority of the people.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

The resolution conceived in sin and
born in iniquity, introduced by Coun-
cilman Hansen at the council meeting
last night, "mid a blare of trumpets
and a pyrotechnic display of oratory,
condemning the Tuttle charter bill, is
characteristic of the Astoria democ-
racy. The insinuations that if the
charter bill is passed, the police and
fire department would be under the
control of the republicans, and that
they would appoint two or three hun-
dred policemen and a bunch of extra
firemen on election day, to carry elec-
tions, savors too strongly of political
demagogism to be worthy of consid-
eration. Those arguments are far fetched

and untrue and show implied bias and
a warped judgment. If the democratic
police force notify all the saloons and
gamblers that if they don't support
the democratic or citizens ticket, their
places of business will be closed and
gambling will be stopped, it is all
right and just the proper caper. That
this has been done is a well known
fact and it has been sanctioned and
approved by the democratic bosses.
But this system of bulldozing and po-
litical chicanery will be stopped. If the
democratic party is to be kept in pow-
er by permitting gambling, allowing
dens of sin and iniquity to exist under
police protection, then the republican
party, assisted by all of the better
element of society will take a hand
and put the gamblers and dens of vice
out of existence. It does not require
the police force to do it. It has been
done in Portland without the aid or
assistance of the police force and can
be done in Astoria.

The Astorian is ready and willing to
lead any fight in the interest of moral-
ity and decency and against political
chicanery and democratic protection of
criminals in their efforts to suppress
crime. The Hansen resolution has
thrown down the gauntlet, and the re-
publican party will pick it up and the
Astorian desires to serve notice that
the fight will be to a finish and until
every vestige of crime, gambling,
houses of prostitution and attending
evils are completely eradicated from
the city of Astoria. A thorough knowl-
edge of the ins and outs and the
modus operandi of the democratic
party in Clatsop county, places a pow-
erful weapon in the hands of the As-
torian, and it will be used for all it is
worth. Councilman Hansen will be en-
titled to a share of the credit for the
purification of the city, as his resolu-
tion is the incentive that calls the
forces of law and order to the arena
and the battle will be decisive and
short.

The women of Astoria will be enlist-
ed in this fight, and it will be shown
that they have as much political in-
fluence as the police and the gambling
fraternity. Reinforcements will be pro-
cured from Uniontown and Upper As-
toria and when the police, the gam-
blers, the dens of iniquity are surround-
ed, capitulation will be as thorough and
effective as it has been in Portland.
There has never been a time in the
history of this world that right did
not triumph over wrong, and thousands
of people in Astoria that are not con-
trolled by democratic police influence
will be ready and willing to climb
into the republican band wagon and
purify the political atmosphere of As-
toria. War has been declared.

PERTINENT INQUIRY.

Councilman Belland is the watch dog
of the treasury. At the last meeting of
the common council a bill was pre-
sented for the monthly pay roll of the
city surveyor amounting to over \$250.
Among the items was pay for four or
five supernumeraries, employed at the
instigation of Councilman Burns, as in-
spectors of street work at a salary of
\$75 a month. The city surveyor stated
that he knew nothing about the em-
ployment of these men and it was
without his knowledge or consent.
Councilman Belland objected to the
chairman of the street committee giv-
ing political pets a job at the ex-
pense of the city. That this has been
done and is being done will be borne
out by the records and Councilman
Belland is deserving of credit for
bringing the matter up. The super-
intendent of streets, the city surveyor
and chairman of the street committee
are supposed to watch all street im-
provements, and the employment of a
half-dozen additional superintendents
of streets at a salary of \$75 a month is
robbing the treasury. It cost As-
toria last year for the employment of
these political pets over \$2000, and it
is about time a stop was put to this
reckless extravagance and waste of
the people's money. The democrats
having decided that the political con-
ditions of Astoria need airing, the As-
torian proposes to accommodate them
and it will show that there has been
more petty grafts and mismanage-
ment during the past three years than
in any preceding time in the history
of the city. No wonder the democrats
are opposed to the Tuttle charter bill.
It will take away their graft. The
political boss is afraid that he may be
legislated out of office. It is time that
the whole bunch was legislated out of
office as facts and figures to be pub-
lished in the near future will prove.
The printing graft, the street graft
and other grafts will make interesting
reading for the tax payers of Astoria.

WARDEN'S REPORT

Millions of Young Fry Were Lib-
erated.

FINES HAVE BEEN VERY LIGHT

Convictions Could Not Be Secured in
Several Cases, Though It Was
Proved That the Fishing Laws
Had Been Violated.

Report of the master fish warden for
January, 1905.

To the Honorable Board of Fish Com-
missioners, Salem, Oregon:
Gentlemen—The receipts of the office
during the month have been as per
the following:

District No. 2.
From Fines and Penalties—
January 27, from Water Bailiff,
W. R. Williams of Rogue river
for the sale of nets seized
during close season\$ 5 00
From Sale of Hatchery Ma-
terial Lumber—

Received for sale of some of the
old hatchery material lumber
left at the Umpqua river
hatchery station near Gilde,
Ore., and sold to Geo. Kohl-
hagen 3 45
Received for some of the old
hatchery material lumber left
at the Alsea river hatchery
station and sold by Willis
Vidito 18 00
From Account of Licenses Is-
sued—

13 gill net licenses at \$2.50 32 50
94 set net licenses at \$1 94 00
17 fish dealer's licenses (first
class) at \$10 170 00
1 fish dealer's license (fourth
class) 30 00
1 fish dealer's license (fifth
class) 40 00

Total for District No. 2, car-
ried forward.....\$392 95

District No. 1.
From Account of Licenses Is-
sued—

4 gill net licenses at \$2.50\$ 10 00
29 set net licenses at \$1 29 00
22 trap licenses at \$25 550 00
64 fish dealer's licenses (first
class) at \$10 640 00
4 fish dealer's licenses (second
class) at \$15 60 00
2 fish dealer's licenses (third
class) at \$23 46 00
1 fish dealer's license (fourth
class) 30 00
1 fish dealer's license (fifth
class) 40 00
3 fish dealer's licenses (sixth
class) at \$75 225 00
1 fish dealer's license (twelfth
class) 700 00

Total for both districts.....\$2,722 95

Disbursements.

The accounts against the depart-
ment which I have approved and pre-
sent herewith for payment amount to
the sum of \$680.55, \$19.33 of which is
against hatchery fund, District No. 1,
and \$670.22 is against hatchery fund
District No. 2.

Hatchery Operations.

The Umpqua river hatchery was
closed down for the season January 21.
The season's work resulted in our
hatching and raising and turning out
into the North Umpqua river in the
immediate vicinity of the hatchery,
which is situated about 50 miles above
Roseburg, 2,654,925 chinook fry, all of
which were of the earliest variety of
chinook salmon that frequent that
stream.

The expense of operating this hatch-
ery during the season which began
May 7, 1904, was \$2575.21, as per the
following:

Salary of superintendent.....\$ 572 42
Labor 1,817 00
Supplies furnished 137 00
Tools furnished 24 29
Fishing gear furnished 20 50
Shoeing horses 4 00

Total\$2,575 21

Arrests and Prosecutions.

January 19 Water Bailiff W. R. Wil-
liams filed two complaints against L.
A. Streuber for violating the fishing
laws: First, for fishing in the waters
of Rogue river without a license; sec-
ond, for fishing within the 600-foot
limit of the fishway through the Grants
Pass New Water, Light & Power
Company's dam at Grants pass.

The first case was tried in the just-
ice court of Grants Pass, January 21,
1905, and was lost on account of the
master fish warden not being in at-
tendance with his books to show that
Mr. Streuber did not have a license.

The second case was tried before a
jury in said court, January 25, and
while it was clearly shown that Mr.
Streuber was fishing for salmon with-
in the 600-foot limit, and did take sal-
mon from the waters of Rogue river
within the 600-foot limit, the jury
brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Although we did not secure a con-
viction in either case, still the prose-

cution had good effect and the law will
without doubt be better obeyed in the
future.

Mr. Streuber has since taken out his
license and no doubt will do his fish-
ing in the future in lawful waters.
Very respectfully submitted,

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